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A.—The vice-chairman is now in charge. His term expires on 1st November 1927.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The chairmanship has been thrown open to election.

Agriculture

Establishment list of the Department of Agriculture.

*859 Q.—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of communities represented on the staff of the College of Agriculture, Research Institute and in the district work of the Department of Agriculture and the number of men from each community; and

(*b*) the number of men among them who at any time in their lives for a period of at least three or four years earned their livelihood as cultivators working with their own hands or as agricultural labourers?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the Annual Establishment list of the Department of Agriculture.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda:—"May I know if the Government cannot get the information?"

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"I don't think it will be possible. There seems to be no necessity for it."

Agricultural depots in South Kanara.

*860 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: With reference to my question No. 247, dated 27th August 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and places of depots for sale of pure seed, improved agricultural implements, etc., in South Kanara;

(*b*) for what hours of the day they are open and who is in charge of them; and

(*c*) whether they are open every day except holidays, and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) There are five depots, one each at the headquarters of the agricultural demonstrators at Mangalore, Mudabidri, Udipi, Puttur and Kasaragod.

(*b*) & (*c*) Sales are conducted by demonstrators when they are at headquarters and by demonstration maistris or messengers employed under the demonstrators when they are away on tour. Information regarding the hours of sales is not available with Government.

The serum simultaneous method of inoculation against rinderpest.

*861 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has been decided to carry on a large scale the serum simultaneous method of inoculation against rinderpest;

(*b*) whether only the circle officers who are six in number have been asked to do this work;

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(c) whether it is a fact that in Mysore the subordinate staff of the Veterinary Department are doing this work ; and

(d) if so, why our Veterinary Assistants are not trained up for similar work ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Veterinary Assistant Surgeons with previous experience in inoculation will also be allowed to do the work under the supervision of circle officers in localities where rinderpest has assumed an epidemic form.

(c) & (d) The Government have no information.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I ask the hon. Minister whether he is aware that in Mysore the subordinate staff of the department are doing the serum simultaneous method of inoculations and, if that be a fact, he will consider the desirability of training our veterinary assistants in this method of inoculation ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I am yet to be convinced how that question arises on the answer given."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" With reference to (c) Sir, perhaps, I may put the question this way, whether the Government would be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The Veterinary Adviser of the Government is in touch with the state of things there and has ascertained what the system prevailing there is."

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—" With reference to (b), may I know whether it is meant that it should be done in the immediate presence of the circle officer ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" No, Sir."

Buildings

Substitution of Britoll steel doors and windows for teakwood doors and windows.

* 862 Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any attempt in any of the circles of the Public Works Department to patronise British manufacture of steel doors and windows of the pattern of one Britoll to replace teak doors, windows and frames manufactured locally ;

(b) if so, in what circle and by which officer this has been recommended ;

(c) whether that officer has obtained full details and particulars regarding this pattern, about its decided advantages over the local manufactory in point of finance, durability, adaptability and otherwise ; and

(d) if so, whether those statistics and detailed particulars will be placed on the Council table before this pattern is finally approved for patronising ?

A.—The hon. Member presumably refers to Crittall doors and windows. The superior quality has been used frequently for hospital windows, etc., but not the cheaper variety for ordinary buildings. The Chief Engineer has however brought to the notice of the